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CIRCLE OF LIFE

Stats reveal that every 3 to 4 minutes a new life takes birth in Bengaluru, but for every 2 babies born, city records 1 death each hour

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PUBLIC VS PRIVATE

State restricts private organisations from conducting activities in public spaces such as campuses and parks. What does it mean?

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As YouTuber goes to cops against use of his content by other channels, it becomes obvious that for small creators and local brands, building online audience comes with constant risk of digital duplication

WHEN THE COPYCATS COME OUT TO PLAY

Platforms provide copyright strike and takedown options, but enforcement is often slow

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In yet another instance highlighting the growing problem of content theft on regional YouTube channels, a local creator has approached the police alleging that several YouTubers have copied and re-uploaded his original prank call videos to their own accounts without permission, using his image and voice to gain followers, views, and monetisation benefits.

The complainant, who runs a YouTube channel under the name 'Love..Ravi Official', stated that his prank call videos, which have gained popularity among Kannada-speaking audiences, were being reposted by other channels that falsely presented the content as their own. These videos, originally produced by him and a friend, were reuploaded across multiple platforms, allegedly bringing financial benefits to those who duplicated them.

> **"When plagiarism or misuse occurs, creators have the right to issue legal notices, file copyright-infringement complaints with social-media platforms under Rule 75 of the IT Rules 2021 and even lodge a case with police**
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> —Mirza Faizan, cybersecurity expert

According to the complaint filed at the police station, at least six YouTube channels have been identified for copyright violation and unauthorised use of the creator's photo and content. The listed channels include Narasimharaju Cartoon, Sakkath Entertainment Kannada, Mithun Animations Kannada, Doddaballapura Troll, Sakhath Vira and Doddaballapur Trolls.

Links to the respective YouTube pages were also

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Where are the feeding spots?

Across city, stray caregivers continued to be bullied as GBA has not started identifying or assigning spots where dogs can be fed

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For Ruchika (name changed), a resident of RT Nagar and a caregiver to more than 30 stray dogs in the area, the situation is dire. The software engineer continues to face harassment by other residents in the area for feeding the animals, with no help in sight.

Ruchika says she raised a docket with the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) more than a month ago for designated feeding spots, but there has been no response yet.

"I registered the request for identification of feeding spots with GBA within days after the Supreme Court's order. However, no action has been initiated yet. The order by SC is a step towards coexistence and solves multiple issues that feeders and non-feeders face regularly," says Ruchika.

Many caregivers in the city have submitted their requests for feeding spots in line with the SC's order, but are still awaiting a response from the authorities.

"I raised a ticket about feeder harassment nearly two weeks ago. There are two feeders in the area, and together we feed around nine dogs. However, other residents have been calling our landlord and pressuring him to tell us to vacate the house. If the GBA officially designates feeding spots, this harassment will likely stop or at least its

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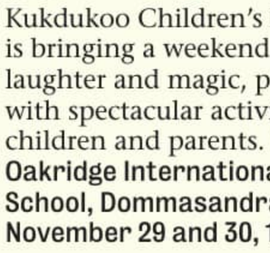
THINGS TO DO

01 Creative side

St Joseph's Boys' High School is presenting its much-awaited annual art and craft exhibition – MERAKI, The Love and Soul of Art, Season 3. This year's edition promises to be a vibrant celebration of creativity, imagination, and artistic expression, showcasing the exceptional talents of students, parents, and teachers. **Where: St Joseph's Boys' High School, Ashok Nagar; When: October 31, 9 am to 7 pm**

02 Dance dedication



Kuchipudi Parampara Foundation, Bengaluru, is presenting the 12th edition of Natya Parampara Utsav 2025. The programmes include recognition works of a senior Kuchipudi guru, along with Kuchipudi performances. **Where: Seva Sadan Auditorium, Malleshwaram; When: October 31, 6 pm**

03 Musical reverie

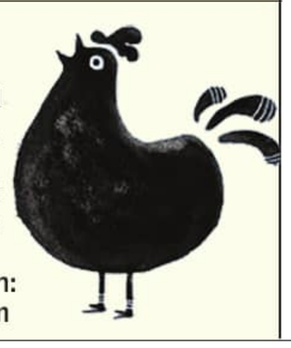
Known for his powerful and heartfelt voice, Kailash Kher will be performing live, in a show full of emotion, passion and pure artistry. **Where: Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield; When: November 1, 7.30 pm**

04 For the laughs

After a massive world tour, Samay Raina is back to his homeground, with a brand new show, ready to take the audience on a laughter-filled journey **Where: Good Shepherd Auditorium, Shanthala Nagar; When: November 21, 4 pm.**

05 Family fun

Kukdukoo Children's Festival is bringing a weekend of fun, laughter and magic, packed with spectacular activities for children and parents. **Where: Oakridge International School, Dommasandra; When: November 29 and 30, 10.45 am**



For every 2 babies born, 1 person passes away in B'luru each hour

Statistics highlight need for focused interventions in densely populated urban centres like Bengaluru; expert says data underscores city's dual challenge as it remains state's hub for births and deaths

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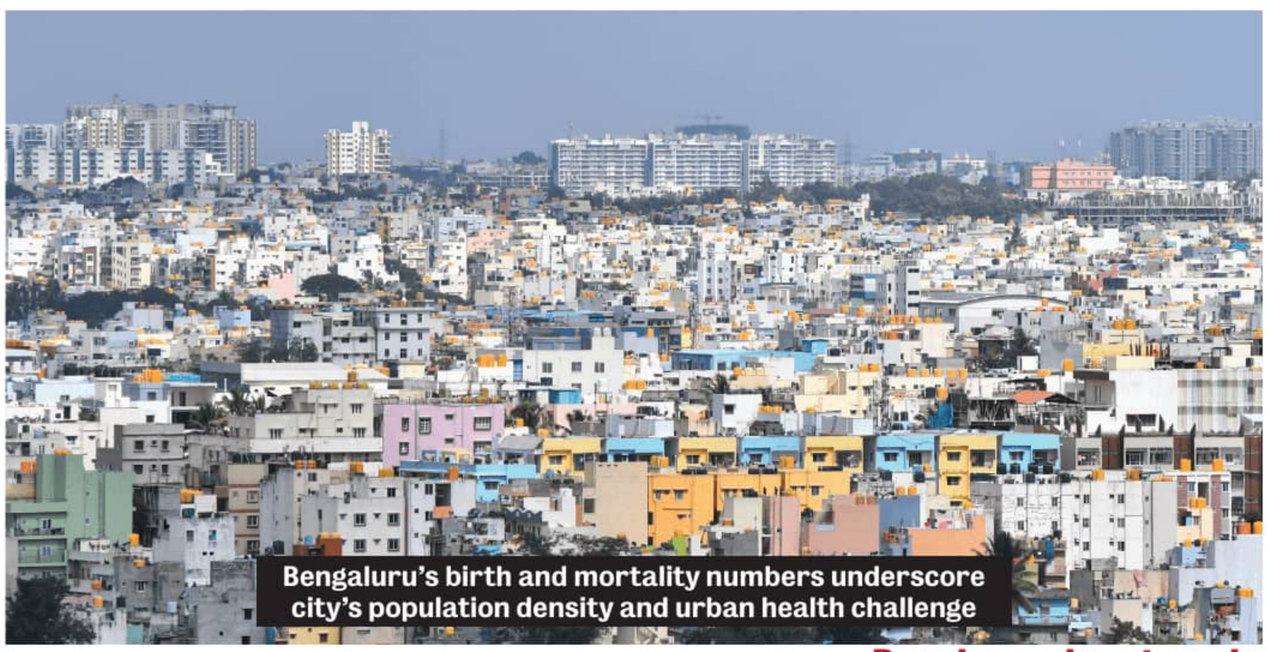

Bengaluru's birth and mortality numbers underscore city's population density and urban health challenge

Every three to four minutes, a new life begins in Bengaluru Urban district. In 2023, the city recorded 160,625 registered births—an average of 18 births every hour—making it the district with the highest birth and death counts in Karnataka. The numbers reveal a near-equal split between urban and rural areas, with 77,715 births in the city core and 82,910 in surrounding rural regions, reflecting widespread registration coverage across Bengaluru's metropolitan landscape.

According to the latest Vital Statistics of India based on the Civil Registration System 2023, Bengaluru's birth figures stand in stark contrast with other major districts. Kalaburagi reported 70,350 births, Belagavi (74,036), and Raichur (52,687), while Mysuru, Dharwad, and smaller districts like Hassan and Kodagu recorded significantly fewer births. Collectively, Bengaluru Urban and Rural districts contributed nearly 17 per cent of all births in Karnataka, highlighting the city's central role in state-level health planning and maternal services.

Deaths in B'luru: A sobering reality

While new lives are beginning, mortality in Bengaluru also remains significant. Karnataka recorded a total of 5,39,277 deaths in 2023, with Bengaluru Urban accounting for 79,385 deaths—the highest among all districts. Major districts such as Mysuru (32,827), Tumakuru (26,496), Dharwad (21,283), and Belagavi (39,152) reported lower absolute figures. On an hourly basis, Bengaluru experiences around 9 deaths per hour, underscoring the city's population density and urban health challenges.

Infant deaths: Concentrated in urban hubs

Infant mortality continues to be a pressing issue in Karnataka. In 2023, the state recorded 8,490 infant deaths, with Bengaluru Urban accounting for 1,493 of them—around 18 per cent of the total—the highest among all districts. Other districts reported much lower numbers, including Dharwad (918), Mysuru (746), Belagavi (558), and Kalaburagi (434). The concentration in Bengaluru highlights the impact of its large population and urban density, where absolute numbers are higher even if per capita mortality rates remain close to the state average.

On a more granular level, infant deaths in Bengaluru occur at a rate of roughly four per day, equating to one every six hours. While these figures indicate persistent challenges in neonatal care, they also emphasise the need for focused interventions in densely populated urban centres.

Stillbirths: Bengaluru fares better

Karnataka recorded a total of 2,946 stillbirths in 2023, with Urban and Rural districts contributing almost equally (1,538 Rural and 1,408 Urban). Bengaluru Urban had slightly lower numbers than the Rural periphery, reflecting relatively better maternal and neonatal healthcare in urban centres.

Rural vs urban trends across Karnataka

Bengaluru's data mirrors broader trends displayed across the state, where rural births accounted for 52 per cent of Karnataka's total and urban births 48 per cent. Similarly, stillbirths and infant deaths display a slight rural predominance statewide, though urban centres like Bengaluru show higher absolute numbers because of population density.

An expert said that the data underscores Bengaluru's dual challenge: it remains the state's hub for births and urban life, yet it also faces significant mortality, including infant deaths. "With an average of 18 births and 9 deaths per hour, the city's demographic dynamics emphasise the need for continued investment in maternal, neonatal, and general healthcare infrastructure," said the expert.

HC denies passport disclosure over privacy concerns

The Karnataka High Court has ruled that a copy of an individual's passport cannot be disclosed to a third party under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, citing privacy and security concerns. The court emphasised that the passport contains sensitive personal details and is protected from disclosure under the exemptions provided in the Act.

Justice M Nagaprasanna, while delivering the judgment, observed that the information contained in a passport falls under the ambit of "personal information," the disclosure of which would cause an unwarranted invasion of privacy unless a larger public interest is demonstrated. The court stated that sharing such documents without the consent of the individual would be contrary to both the RTI Act and the provisions of the Passport Act, 1967.

The ruling came in response to a petition challenging an order by the Central Information Commission (CIC), which had directed the Regional Passport Office to furnish a copy of an individual's passport to a third party. The petitioner argued that such disclosure would violate the privacy rights guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution.

Agreeing with the petitioner's contention, the High Court set aside the CIC's order, holding that personal identification documents like passports, Aadhaar cards, and PAN cards cannot be shared with anyone other than the individual concerned. "A passport is a sensitive document that serves as proof of nationality and identity. Its disclosure to strangers could have serious implications, including misuse and identity theft," the court noted.

The court further observed that Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act exempts the disclosure of personal information unless it serves a compelling public interest. In the present case, the respondent seeking the information failed to establish any such public interest.

The judgment reinforces the balance between transparency and privacy under the RTI framework. While the RTI Act aims to promote accountability in governance, the court reiterated that it cannot be used as a tool to intrude into personal matters.

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Road around B'luru High Court asphalted after a year and a half

The road connecting the Press Club and the High Court of Karnataka, opposite Vidhana Soudha and near Cubbon Park, has been asphalted after more than a year and a half of delays. The stretch, heavily used by pedestrians and vehicles, had remained uneven and difficult to navigate, particularly during rains.

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"The road surrounds the High Court, which is opposite Vidhana Soudha, and near Cubbon Park, an international tourist spot. Thousands of people pass through this area every day. Considering this, we filed an application with the High Court in March 2024," said advocate Narasimha Murthy, while speaking to BM, adding that the application was also sent to the Chief Commissioner, the Chief Engineer of PWD, and the Chairperson of Lalbagh Horticulture Department.

Following efforts by many, officials from the Greater Bengaluru Authority and PWD (South Division) undertook the asphalting work, completing the long-pending repair. The road is now operational and safer for commuters, ending a delay that had persisted for over 18 months despite repeated reminders and formal requests. — BMB

VTU mandates activity points for degree

Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, has issued a notification regarding the mandatory earning of activity points for the award of undergraduate degrees under the 2021 and 2022 regulations. The initiative, based on the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Activity Point Programme, aims to promote holistic development among engineering students by encouraging participation in community, entrepreneurial, and leadership activities alongside academic learning.

According to the circular, every student admitted to a four-year undergraduate programme must earn 100 activity points, while those entering through lateral entry must earn 75 points. These points will be reflected on the eighth semester grade card but will not affect the SGPA or CGPA, as the programme is non-credit in nature. However, earning the prescribed points is compulsory for obtaining the degree; students who fail to do so will not be eligible for graduation until the requirement is fulfilled. **–BMB**

Call for remote learning programme proposals

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued a public notice inviting applications from eligible higher educational institutions seeking recognition to offer programmes under the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and/or online modes for the academic year 2025–26, beginning February 2026 and onwards. As per the circular issued by the Distance Education Bureau (DEB) under reference number 1-4/2025 (DEB-NER), the online application window will remain open from October 22 to November 10, 2025. Eligible institutions can submit their applications through the official DEB portal at https://deb.ugc.ac.in/. In addition to the online submission, the original affidavit in hard copy must be sent to the Joint Secretary, Distance Education Bureau, UGC, 35 Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi – 110001, by November 20, 2025. The UGC has urged institutions to visit the official DEB website for details regarding the prescribed application fee and for regular updates or announcements related to the application process. **–BMB**

Schools send circulars asking parents to keep sick children home

Parents advised to not send unwell children to school until full recovery; move aims to prevent outbreaks and ensure healthy environment for all

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With seasonal illnesses on the rise, many schools across the city have issued circulars advising parents not to send their children to school while they are unwell. The advisory comes in response to increasing reports of students attending classes despite showing symptoms of flu, cold, or other infections, raising concerns about both individual and collective health in the school environment.

Dr Nagendra Kumar, a paediatrician based in the city, said that sending children to school when they are sick not only hampers their recovery but also puts other students at risk. "Viruses spread rapidly in enclosed spaces like classrooms, and even a mild infection in one child can lead to multiple cases in a short span of time," said Dr Kumar.

Many schools issue advisories urging sick children to stay home and avoid attending classes

Sending children to school when they are sick not only hampers their recovery but also puts other students at risk, says doctor

Health risks highlighted

The circulars stress that children should only return to school after complete recovery. "Given the current weather fluctuations, children are particularly susceptible to viral and bacterial infections," said Dr Rohit, an infectious disease specialist. He said that schools need to be proactive in preventing outbreaks, and parents play a critical role in this by keeping unwell children at home.

The schools' advisories also highlight the importance of creating a healthy environment for all students. Administrators note that even minor symptoms like coughs or mild fever can compromise the overall well-being of classrooms, where students spend several hours together. "We have noticed instances where one child attending school while sick has resulted in several other students falling ill within days," explained an anonymous school official.

Parents express mixed reactions

Parents, while understanding the health concerns, expressed mixed reactions. Shweta Rao, mother of a seventh grader, said that it's sensible to keep sick children at home, but with both parents working full-time, arranging last-minute care can be difficult. Another parent, Anil Deshmukh, added, "I appreciate the reminder. Last month, my child brought home a cold that spread through the whole class. Hopefully, this circular will help curb such situations."

Some parents also emphasised the importance of preventive measures. "Apart from keeping kids home when ill, regular handwashing, masks when needed, and timely vaccinations are crucial," said Dr Roiht, adding that schools issuing such advisories are part of a larger effort to ensure public health safety.

What Cubbon Park wants: Visitors tell DKS to keep lung space free

Deputy CM promises upgraded facilities, improved safety, heritage protection, and measures to enhance biodiversity while keeping Cubbon Park freely accessible

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File photo of Cubbon Park, on a rainy day

During a public interaction at the city's historic park, the Deputy CM assures unrestricted entry while promising improved infrastructure. Citizens and activists urge increased funding, vehicle bans, and stricter protection measures to safeguard both biodiversity and cultural landmarks

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Sunday announced that there is no proposal to collect an entry fee from visitors to Cubbon Park. While interacting with the public at Cubbon Park, DK Shivakumar said the government has no proposal to introduce an entry fee at Cubbon Park, similar to Lalbagh.

"Cubbon Park is open to the public. Anyone can visit Cubbon Park. There is no proposal to collect an entry fee from visitors. We will take measures to improve facilities and develop Cubbon Park. Visitors must follow the rules," said the Deputy Chief Minister. The crowd gathered at Cubbon Park gave a big round of applause to his announcement.

Appealing to the Deputy Chief Minister to allocate more funds for the development and maintenance of Cubbon Park, Priya Chetty-Rajagopal, founder of Heritage Beku, said the funds currently allocated for maintenance are meagre, and the need of the hour is to sanction sufficient funds for the park's development. "We have three major problems in Cubbon Park. I want to thank our horticulture directors and their staff for doing everything they can. The major issue is the budget. It is not possible to maintain the park properly otherwise. The second problem is a shortage of staff. The third is the water table study. Without this study, we risk spending a lot of money and time maintaining Cubbon Park. We are fortunate to have revived the bandstand. We need to do more to preserve heritage. I want the government to designate Cubbon Park as a biodiversity site. By doing so, we will preserve it. Other issues include sharp fences that cause injuries. I disagree with any proposal to charge fees in the park because it is the only people's park," said Priya Chetty-Rajagopal.

The Deputy Chief Minister enquired with the Deputy Director (Cubbon Park) about the budget for the park's maintenance. The Deputy Director informed him that Rs 8 crore is allocated for Cubbon Park annually. The Deputy Chief Minister assured that he would look into the matter of allocating additional funds.

Vinod Jacob of Namma Bengaluru appealed to the Deputy Chief Minister to ensure all streetlights function around the National Military Memorial Park, Ali Askar Road, and Raj Bhavan Road, as it has become difficult for senior citizens to walk on the footpaths. "I want the government to revive the Ward Mithra and Hasiru Mithra programmes," Vinod Jacob said.

Meanwhile, the Cubbon Park Walkers Association submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Chief Minister, demanding that the government ban all vehicle entry into the park throughout the year, vacate leased buildings and clubs inside Cubbon Park, stop all commercial activities, and enact a separate law for the protection of the park.

Big shift: High Court may move out of Cubbon Park

Deputy CM DK Shivakumar says the move aims to modernise judicial facilities while preserving Bengaluru's heritage and protecting Cubbon Park's green space

The Karnataka government is examining the possibility of relocating the principal bench of the Karnataka High Court from its iconic premises in Cubbon Park, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said on Sunday. His remarks have stirred widespread debate over the future of the 19th-century heritage building known as the Attara Kacheri, which currently houses the High Court.

Speaking to reporters, Shivakumar said, "We are looking at the overall infrastructure and functioning of the High Court. We feel that having it inside Cubbon Park may not be ideal for the judiciary of the future." He added, "We must ensure that our courts are accessible, modern, and equipped for the needs of lawyers, litigants, and staff."

According to Shivakumar, the government is exploring potential alternative locations. "We have asked officials to identify suitable land parcels within Bengaluru. Once we have a report, we will hold consultations with the judiciary, the Bar, and heritage experts before making any decision," he said.

He clarified that the idea is still at a preliminary stage. "No final decision has been made. This is only an exploration to see what is possible. We want to improve the system, not disrupt it," Shivakumar said.

Members of the legal community reacted with mixed opinions. A senior advocate from the High Court said, "If the government really plans a relocation, it must ensure that the new site is ready before any move. The court's functioning should not suffer even for a day." Another lawyer noted, "The building is part of Bengaluru's identity. Relocating it would be significant, but if it helps in making justice delivery more efficient, then it is worth considering."

If approved, the proposal could mark one of the most significant administrative shifts in Karnataka's judicial history, balancing the need for modernisation with the preservation of the state's architectural legacy.

Shivakumar also announced that the state government would allocate Rs 5 crore for upgrading and beautifying Cubbon Park. He emphasised that the park should be preserved as a green lung for the city and that the government was committed to enhancing its environmental and recreational value. This proposed relocation of the High Court, he suggested, would contribute to protecting and expanding the park area.

The Deputy Chief Minister's comments came in the context of the government's broader infrastructure agenda, which includes the construction of a network of road tunnels aimed at easing Bengaluru's chronic traffic congestion. He stated that the plan had received widespread support.

Shivakumar stated that the Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court had highlighted the acute shortage of space at the court's existing premises, which is hampering its smooth functioning. He added that the Bengaluru Advocates' Association (BAA) has already submitted a request seeking relocation of the High Court to a more suitable site within the Central Business District (CBD).

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Sign repair
Banashankari

Straighten the leaning signboard near the Bank of India, 100 Feet Outer Ring Road, Banashankari.

Traffic nightmare
Brunton Road

Expedite the ongoing work on Brunton Road, which has become nearly impassable.

Danger patch
Banashankari

Repair the potholes in front of Banashankari Police Station.

Grating neglect sparks public outcry

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Broken metal gratings on city roads, meant to prevent waterlogging, are instead worsening the problem during heavy rains and endangering motorists—particularly two-wheeler riders. Commuters on Swami Vivekananda Road near Lido Mall are reportedly facing frequent issues due to a damaged grating on the road.

Motorists and social activists have raised strong objections to the Bengaluru Central City Corporation's (BCCC) continued apathy and negligence in addressing the issue, despite repeated complaints and reminders. "I noticed this problem two months ago and alerted the BCCC authorities, but in vain. The BCCC engineers have been busy shifting blame on others for the broken metal grating on Swami Vivekananda Road.

If I approach a ward engineer, he asks me to contact the major roads department instead of alerting the major roads department engineer to fix the problem," said BR Chandran, a social activist.

He opined that the broken metal grating has become a hurdle for motorists and also contributes to water logging as the drain is allegedly

Civic activist says motorists continue to struggle with obstructive broken grating, with drain also contributing to water logging due to being clogged

choked with silt and waste.

Since the grating is situated near Lido Mall bus stop, commuters waiting to board buses are also reportedly facing problems as some drivers are stopping buses away from the designated stop to avoid the damaged section.

"I do not understand the logic behind the delay in fixing this problem. The engineer concerned should take up the responsibility to replace the broken metal grating with a new one to ensure movement of vehicles without any hurdles on this road," said Ravi Shankar, a BMTC commuter.

Shivakumar N, a regular commuter on Swami Vivekananda Road, said he first noticed the broken metal grating near the bus stop several months ago.

He said that he had expected BCCC engineers to fix it promptly, but no action has been taken so far. "The authorities need not spend much time and huge amounts of money to replace the grating. They have to replace it without any delay to avoid accidents on this road," he said. The executive engineer was not available for a comment.

Bengaluru Police bust illegal residency network

71 foreign nationals detained for deportation

Many of those detained found to have expired visas and connection to criminal activities; police urge property owners to verify documents and inform local authorities before renting to foreigners

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Bengaluru police have intensified efforts to identify and detain foreign nationals living illegally in the city. Recently, the CCB Narcotics Wing (ANW) located 71 foreigners residing unlawfully and recommended their deportation.

Among those detained, the majority are from Nigeria and Ivory Coast, with others hailing from Sudan, Ghana, Cameroon, Senegal, Uganda, Congo, and Kenya. All have been placed in detention centres, with the city police, along with the central Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of External Affairs, handling the legal process for their eventual deportation. Senior police officials estimate that most will be sent back within a few months.

How they stayed undetected

Some of the detained foreigners had been in India for over a decade, entering the country on visas for business, education, and medical purposes. After their visas expired, they created fake documents and continued to reside illegally. Others had no documentation but coordinated with other foreign nationals to secure accommodation in private homes.

A senior police officer said, "Many were found living illegally with acquaintances in Bengaluru, without any valid documents, taking advantage of lax oversight."

Police operations lead to arrests

The CCB ANW team conducted targeted operations against foreign drug suppliers (peddlers). This led to the seizure of crores of rupees worth of narcotics and the detention of multiple suspects. During the investigation, police tracked connections and networks of the accused, which eventually revealed illegal foreign residents.

Initial arrests included two Nigerian nationals in Hebbagodi found with narcotics. Following further inquiries, three more foreigners, including a woman, were found residing illegally and were detained.

Police investigations uncover many foreigners overstaying expired visas using fake documents, having lived illegally in India for years

Criminal activities and visa expiry

Most of the detained foreigners (90 per cent) had expired visas and were engaged in criminal activities, including drug trafficking. By the end of August 2025, 37 foreign nationals involved in narcotics were arrested by the Bengaluru police.

The police emphasised that Indian law does not allow deportation for foreigners with ongoing criminal cases, and some were exploiting this loophole to remain in the city for years. Authorities are now ensuring fast-track investigation and legal proceedings in court to curb such practices.

Deportation processes

Police are also targeting house owners who rent to foreigners without proper documentation. Many landlords, driven by high rental demands, have ignored legal requirements and rented properties to undocumented foreign nationals.

Officials report that in 2025 alone, 66 cases have been filed against such landlords. Police urge property owners to verify documents and inform local authorities before renting to foreigners, ensuring compliance with legal norms.

Businessman booked for assaulting, harassing woman

A Chennai-based businessman and owner of a film city has been booked by the Vyalikaval police for allegedly assaulting and harassing a city-based fashion designer, pressuring her into a personal relationship.

According to the complaint, the police registered an FIR against Santosha Reddy on October 14, charging him under sections relating to voluntarily causing hurt, criminal intimidation, and sexual harassment.

The victim told authorities that she had been working on a clothing design project for the accused's daughter for a family wedding.

Recently, he visited her residence under the pretext of seeking assistance to reconcile with his daughter after a fight. While she tried to pacify him, he reportedly proposed a personal relationship. The victim alleged that when she refused, Reddy assaulted her in a fit of rage. Police officials confirmed that a probe is underway. **BMB**

Police bust inter-state sandalwood smuggling racket, arrest four

The Siddapura police have busted an inter-state sandalwood smuggling racket, arresting four members of a gang just minutes before they were about to hand over a consignment to a local receiver.

Acting on a tip-off, police intercepted two SUVs parked near a hotel, where the receiver, identified as Ravi, was waiting. Officers recovered 750 kg of sandalwood pieces packed in 18 sacks and concealed under layers of onions. The onions were used to mask the fragrance of the wood and avoid drawing attention.

The arrested suspects hail from Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh, and were reportedly working for a smuggler identified as Siraj. Police said the investigation is ongoing to trace the larger smuggling network and identify other accomplices operating in the city. The total value of the seized sandalwood, along with the two vehicles, is estimated at Rs 1.12 crore. **BMB**

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This is to inform the public that the medical records of patients admitted to Akash Hospital, Akash Medical College and Research Centre, Devanahalli during the period Date: 01-01-2018 to Date: 31-12-2022 are being destroyed. It is hereby informed that if any documents are required, they should visit the office of the medical superintendent of the hospital within 30 days.

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Volunteer army strikes back against plastic pollution near forest

Eco-warriors joined forces to sweep Kasaraguppe clean, uncovering hidden piles of bottles, packets, and cigarette ends polluting wildlife corridors

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In a joint effort to protect the surroundings of the Bannerghatta forest from plastic pollution, volunteers carried out a plogging activity under the initiative Project Clean Bannerghatta on Sunday. The drive was organised by Waste Impact Trust, A Rocha India, and the Ploggers Army.

The volunteers spent around 90 minutes cleaning a 100-metre stretch near Kasaraguppe village on Kaggalipura Main Road, within the Bannerghatta Panchayat. Despite the short distance, they collected several sacks of rubbish weighing nearly 45 kilograms. Most of the waste consisted of single-use plastics, MLP sachets, tetra packs of liquor, gutka packets, and cigarette butts.

According to the organisers, the spot was chosen due to its close proximity to the Bannerghatta forest area. While the use of single-use plastic is banned inside the forest, visitors and tourists are often seen discarding waste along the route leading to it.

Bannerghatta's green defenders at work near Kaggalipura Main Road

In a spirited drive, eco-warriors from Waste Impact Trust, A Rocha India, and Ploggers Army cleared heaps of litter near Kasaraguppe village. The 90-minute mission unearthed 45 kilograms of discarded bottles, packets, and cigarette ends choking the Bannerghatta forest boundary

"This was the first time we (Waste Impact Trust) conducted a plog at village level. It was an eye-opener! Kasaraguppe is a small hamlet on Kaggalipura Main Road within the Bannerghatta Panchayat, with just 60 households. Yet we collected seven sacks of waste (about 45 kg) within an area of about 100 sq m. Major items were plastic bottles, tetra packs, cigarette butts, gutka packs, and plastic packets. Quantity-wise and composition-wise, quite urban. The lesson we learnt: we need to come together to conduct more such plog runs," said HV Gayatri, founder of Waste Impact Trust and a 70-year-old resident of Kanakapura who joined the activity.

Another volunteer, Sarayu Sundeep, who participated in her first plogging drive, said, "We just covered 50 to 100 metres and collected seven full bags of plastic waste. This drive was held in a peri-urban village of barely 60 households in Bannerghatta, and we only covered a tenth of the village. Finding the hidden areas where people throw rubbish and discovering plastic buried under metres of mud was eye-opening. We definitely need more awareness and attention to the way we as a community dispose of waste."

Residents of Kasaraguppe, who supported the clean-up, said stricter government intervention could make a stronger impact in controlling the littering problem.

Raj, a member of the Ploggers Army, said the collected waste would be picked up by the Bannerghatta local panchayat during their routine collection rounds.

KRS breaks water records streak

The Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) reservoir set a record in 2024 by remaining at full capacity for 156 consecutive days, the longest in over three decades. In 2021, it reached full capacity on August 17 and held it until December 21. This year (2025), KRS reached full capacity on June 29 and remains full. Experts predict it could maintain maximum levels even longer, boosting water supply and agriculture.

Other major Cauvery basin reservoirs — Harangi, Hemavathi, and Kabini — have also maintained steady storage. Harangi in Kodagu, at 2,859 feet, reached maximum capacity twice, marking a historic first. Hemavathi at Gorur filled twice, holding 37.731 TMC ft at 2,922 feet. Kabini in Mysuru remains full at 2,284 feet.

This year signals a remarkable water storage trend across the Cauvery basin, promising enhanced water security. **–BMB**

Bus horror sparks statewide safety audit

Following the recent Kurnool bus accident that claimed several lives, Karnataka Transport and Muzrai Minister Ramalinga Reddy directed all state transport corporations to conduct immediate and comprehensive safety audits. He instructed KSRTC, BMTC, North Western RTC, and Kalyana Karnataka RTC to form dedicated inspection teams and strictly enforce all safety protocols without exception. Recalling the Haveri bus fire during his previous tenure, Reddy highlighted past lapses and the subsequent mandate for emergency exit doors in around 50,000 vehicles, including government buses, private tourist coaches, school buses, and tempo travellers. He emphasised banning flammable or explosive cargo, equipping AC buses with window-breaking hammers, prohibiting passengers from luggage compartments, and conducting detailed vehicle maintenance and modernisation reviews. Officials found negligent will face strict and immediate disciplinary action, and all personnel have been warned to prioritise passenger safety at every level of operations. **–BMB**

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Pothole peace

After weeks of social media sparring over Bengaluru's bumpy roads — with Biocon boss Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw firing off tweets and ministers responding — the drama took a festive twist ahead of Diwali. Shaw met Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar for a truce discussion that, according to DKS, revolved around "Bengaluru and its betterment." He said Shaw assured her of support for the city's development and promised not to tarnish its image. When quizzed about whether she had handed over a list of cratered roads, DKS smiled it off — no list, just goodwill. The IT-BT sector, he added, is now on board to back Bengaluru's growth, with meetings lined up midweek to turn this social-media slugfest into real-world roadwork.

Video war

Minister Priyank Kharge has posted a video on his personal account recalling a conversation between former CM BS Yediyurappa and Anant Kumar, in which alleged fund allocations to the BJP high command were discussed. Posting in response to claims by BJP MP BY Raghavendra that state funds were being sent for the Bihar Assembly elections, Priyank Kharge said, "Here's a reminder of the conversation about Karnataka resources being diverted to the BJP high command. BJP leaders themselves mentioned giving ₹2,500 crore for the CM post and ₹60–70 crore to ministers. The credit for allocating state resources to the high command goes solely to BJP, not Congress. Raghavendra should listen to the video carefully before commenting."

Succession controversy

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's son, Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, stirred a political storm with his recent remarks suggesting that his father's political innings is nearing its end. Speaking at an event, Yathindra said, "Today, my father is at the end of his political career, in the final stage of his political life. At this juncture, those who uphold scientific and progressive ideas will find leadership in Minister for PWD Satish Jarkiholi." Expressing deep admiration for Jarkiholi, he added that the minister would guide those who believe in Congress ideology, describing him as a rare leader who remains steadfast in his commitment to principles. "He has taken up that responsibility, and I urge him to continue his work in this direction," Yathindra said, setting off speculation and discussion within political circles about future leadership within the party.

Currency craze

The Hasanamba temple's hundi counting wrapped up with divine chanting this year too, raking in a whopping ₹25.59 crore, and here's the kicker — foreign currencies made a cameo! Devotees didn't just drop cash, gold, and silver; they tossed in notes from Indonesia, UAE, Malaysia, the US, and Nepal, totalling ₹7,653 in foreign bills, proving the goddess has global fans. Amid the hustle of 13 darshan days attracting 26.13 lakh devotees, special darshan tickets, laddoo sales, and the hundi itself stacked ₹21.82 crore alone. Old ₹500 and ₹1,000 notes sneaked back into offerings. From local rupees to international tender, this year's offerings made it clear: faith knows no borders, and the goddess's charm is truly cross-currency certified.

Fowl felon

A man attempting to steal chickens got more than just a slap on the wrist — two years in jail and a ₹2,000 fine, ruled by a judge on October 18. The culprit, Manjunath Bhajantri, had tried breaking into a house on Bankapur Road, Kanakagiri taluk, but finding no money or jewellery, he settled on the shed's chickens. His feathery heist was foiled when nearby villagers heard the commotion, chased him down, and handed him to the police. PSIs Kasim Saab and ASI Sharanappa investigated and filed charges, leading to the court's judgment.

Verbal clash

A heated exchange between former MP Pratap Singh of Mysuru-Kodagu and current Chikkaballapur MLA Pradeep Eshwar on Friday left the public fuming as the debate quickly descended into personal attacks. The two leaders reportedly used highly offensive language against each other, far removed from the civil discourse expected of public representatives. What began as a discussion on developmental issues soon spiralled into a war of words that many called "undignified" for elected officials. Social media snippets of their verbal sparring went viral, drawing sharp reactions from citizens — some criticising both leaders, while others questioned why no senior figures had intervened sooner. Both Congress and BJP elders eventually stepped in to counsel the leaders, urging them to maintain decorum and exercise restraint in public debates. **–Sridhar Vivan**

BM SIMPLY PUT

Delve deep into the Cabinet ban on private activities in public spaces

Public property: Private trespassers will be prosecuted

Karnataka has tightened the reins on private organisations conducting activities in public spaces, including school and college campuses, parks, playgrounds, roads, and government properties. BM breaks down the issue clearly for readers.

What has the Karnataka government decided regarding private activities in public areas?

The state cabinet has issued an official order banning activities by private organisations in school and college premises as well as other public spaces. The government has shown a firm stance on restricting RSS and similar activities in these areas, though the order does not explicitly mention RSS by name.

Which authority issued this order and what is its scope?

The order issued earlier instructing all departments to issue detailed guidelines immediately for their respective jurisdictions. The order clarifies that using public property without prior permission for private activities will be considered "illegal entry."

Why was this order necessary?

Many private organisations have been using public spaces, roads, government land, and playgrounds without prior approval to conduct promotions, training, celebrations, or meetings. This creates legal and administrative issues and poses a serious threat to public safety and order.

Which areas are now restricted under this order?

Public spaces reserved for civic use, school and college campuses, aided educational institutions, parks, playgrounds, roads, government department land, and properties owned by municipal corporations cannot be used for activities by private organizations or associations without prior permission.

What should departments do following this order?

Departments must issue suitable and detailed guidelines for their areas and submit copies to the Internal Administration Department. Until then, all private activities without permission must be treated as illegal, and relevant authorities must deny approval for any activity that may cause public disturbance or threaten safety.

Why is there a political spat over the restriction order?

Former CM Jagadish Shettar argues that the original order issued during his tenure by the Education Department merely barred private programs in school premises and never specifically mentioned the RSS, accusing the current government of politicising it. In contrast, CM Siddaramaiah and Minister Priyank Kharge clarify that their government has not banned RSS, but is simply upholding the earlier directive to prevent unauthorised activities in schools and colleges.

Who has the authority to grant permissions for these activities?

For school and college premises, the Education Department has the authority. For playgrounds, parks, and other public spaces, the Urban Development and Rural Development Departments are competent authorities. For public roads, other government properties, and facilities, the DC, SP, and Police Commissioner are designated authorities.

Trash trouble: Even B'luru's oldest cemetery is not spared

The peaceful surroundings of St. Patrick's Cemetery in Langford Town are being disturbed by garbage trucks consistently parking right outside its entrance. What should be a quiet and respectful space for families visiting their loved ones has turned into a place surrounded by overflowing waste and unpleasant odours.

Located at 10, Berlie Street Cross in Shanti Nagar, the cemetery is one of Bengaluru's oldest burial grounds. However, for months now, visitors say they have had to deal with the stench of rotting garbage and navigate around piles of waste while entering the cemetery. Adding to their distress, loud arguments between truck drivers stationed outside have become a regular occurrence.

Disturbed by this situation, citizens have launched an online petition on Change.org, urging the local authorities to take immediate action. The petition calls for the relocation of garbage truck parking away from the cemetery and requests the city administration to ensure that waste collection operations are managed responsibly, without affecting places of worship or mourning.

Residents say the issue is not just about cleanliness but about respect and dignity. "Families come here to pay their respects and find peace. Instead, they are welcomed by heaps of garbage and the stench of waste. This is deeply disrespectful to the deceased and to the grieving families," said one local resident.

The petition read, "The community of Bengaluru deserves better. We call upon the local municipal authorities to address this issue with urgency. Firstly, the designated parking for garbage trucks must be relocated to an area that does not infringe upon communal or sacred spaces. Strict regulations should be enforced to ensure garbage collection operations are conducted far from places of ritual and mourning."

Many believe that such scenes put down the city's image. "It's heartbreaking that one of Bengaluru's oldest cemeteries has to face such indignity. A sacred space should never be turned into a dumping ground," said another resident supporting the petition. **–BMB**

Body in auto: 2 arrested for murder

The Tilak Nagar police have arrested two labourers for allegedly killing a 35-year-old mother of four, whose body was later found in an abandoned auto rickshaw on Saturday.

The accused, Subramani (32) and Senthil (28), residents of KHB Colony, Tilak Nagar, work as daily-wage labourers involved in painting and driving goods auto rickshaws. Investigation revealed that both were in a relationship with the victim, Salma, who had been widowed a year ago and lived with her children in BTB Colony, working as domestic help to support her family. The trio frequently met up to drink.

Police said the accused began suspecting Salma of having an affair. On Saturday, during one such drinking session at their usual spot, an argument broke out over the alleged relationship. In a fit of rage, Subramani struck Salma on the head with a blunt object, killing her instantly.

After realising she was dead, the duo wrapped her body in a cloth and dumped it inside an autorickshaw parked near Tilak Nagar police station. The vehicle had reportedly been abandoned for over a year and was up for sale. The body was discovered by passersby on Saturday evening, who alerted Salma's mother, prompting the police to take action.

The accused have been booked under Section 302 (murder) of the IPC, and police are working to recover the murder weapon. **–BMB**

Coast Guard rescues 31 fishermen

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) successfully rescued 31 fishermen from the distressed fishing boat IFB Sant Anton-I, which had been adrift in the Arabian Sea for 11 days due to a steering gear failure.

According to an official release, on October 24, the Indian Coast Guard Headquarters No. 3 (Karnataka) launched a Search and Rescue (SAR) operation after receiving information about the missing vessel, which was based in Goa. The fishing boat was last reported approximately 100 nautical miles off New Mangalore.

ICGS Kasturba Gandhi, which was on routine patrol, was immediately diverted to the last known position of the distressed vessel. Simultaneously, a Coast Guard Dornier aircraft from Kochi was tasked for an aerial search to locate the missing boat, which had drifted significantly due to adverse weather conditions.

Leveraging the Integrated Operations Centre and real time weather data, the Coast Guard plotted the probable drift and directed the ship to the updated location. On October 25, the Dornier aircraft successfully sighted the fishing boat, enabling ICGS Kasturba Gandhi to reach the spot and provide critical assistance, including logistics support, damage assessment, and on-site repair of the steering system and ensuring watertight integrity of the IFB.

After stabilising the vessel, the Coast Guard ship handed over the distress IFB to another IFB to tow the IFB Sant Anton-I safely to Honnavar fishing harbour, ensuring the wellbeing of all 31 crew members onboard. **–ANI**

Tiger kills man in Mysuru village

Panic has gripped some villages in Mysuru district after a tiger killed another man on Sunday, officials said.

The incident happened near Mullur village in Saraguru taluk, they added.

According to forest officials, 58-year-old Rajashekar Murthy, a cattle herder from Mullur, was attacked by a man-eating tiger while grazing his cattle in an open field in the afternoon.

This is the second fatal tiger attack in Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's home district Mysuru within a month. Earlier, a man was killed in Badagalpura village. Forest Department officials in Hediyala, their staff, and Saraguru police rushed to the scene and camped in the area following the incident.

Angry villagers from Mullur and neighbouring villages staged protests, accusing the Forest Department of negligence and failing to capture the man-eating tiger despite repeated attacks.

Villagers pointed out that there is no forest area near Mullur, yet tigers have been frequently sighted in the vicinity. The department's attempts to trace and trap the animal have so far proved unsuccessful.

Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre has expressed his condolences over the death. Expressing shock over the increasing incidents of tiger attacks, the minister appealed to cattle grazers, residents of forest-fringe villages, and plantation workers to remain highly cautious whenever there is information about the movement of wild animals such as tigers, leopards, and elephants.

Calling it a deeply painful incident, Khandre said he has directed officials to rush to the spot immediately, take urgent measures to capture the tiger that has tasted human blood, and provide compensation to the victim's family. **PTI**

ISRO to launch communication satellite on Nov 2

The ISRO on Sunday said its LVM3 launch vehicle is scheduled to lift off with the CMS-03 communication satellite on November 2, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.

"India's LVM3 launch vehicle is scheduled to launch the CMS-03 communication satellite in its fifth operational flight (LVM3-M5) on November 2, 2025," ISRO said in a statement.

According to the space agency, CMS-03 is a multi-band communication satellite designed to provide services across a wide oceanic region, including the Indian landmass. Weighing about 4,400 kg, it will be the heaviest communication satellite to be launched to a Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO) from Indian soil.

"The previous mission of LVM3 launched the Chandrayaan-3 mission, wherein India became the first country to land successfully near the lunar south pole," ISRO added.

ISRO further said that the launch vehicle has been fully assembled and integrated with the spacecraft and was moved to the launch pad on October 26 for final pre-launch operations. **PTI**

Srishti Kiran clinches maiden international title

Karnataka's 13-year-old prodigy Srishti Kiran secured her first international junior title, winning the ITF J30 at Cabarete in the Dominican Republic.

Srishti delivered a commanding performance to defeat the top seed, Stephanie Pumar of Venezuela 6-2, 6-2, securing the championship in straight sets.

The victory capped an impressive campaign where she had earlier stunned second seed Arina Vansovich of Russia 6-2, 6-3 in the pre-quarterfinals and advanced through the next two rounds in similar fashion.

Reflecting on the tournament where she did not concede a single set, Srishti said: "Winning my first international title in Cabarete feels truly special. The decision to play was taken by my academy, RPS Academy, in Florida. The field was strong, with high-ranked others who had competed in major junior events, so every match was a challenge."

She further said, "I'm proud that I stayed composed and enjoyed my tennis, which made the difference in the crucial moments especially the upset against the second seed and obviously the final. **IANS**

'All issues but potholes put on the backburner'

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intensity would reduce," said a resident of Kanakanagar near Hebbal.

Following the Supreme Court's order on August 22 regarding stray dog management, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) had stated that it will soon identify nearly 50,000 designated feeding spots across the city.

Out of these, while 800 spots were supposed to be BBMP's feeding spots under the 'bite-free locality' campaign, the remaining were for citizen feeders. Officials had also announced that the spots would be identified in consultation with experts and local feeders.

According to Sadhana Hegde, founder of Sahavarthin Animal Welfare Trust, a city-based NGO working to assist feeders in harassment cases, assign feeding spot, resolve conflicts, and simplify FIR filing process, after the SC's order, authorities assured that priority for identification of feeding spots will be given to feeders who raised the request on the helpline number.

"The project has taken a backseat following GBA formation. Moreover, most of the ADs responsible for identifying these spots are busy with the ongoing Social and Educational Survey. There are hardly any officials left to attend to serious cases of animal cruelty. Earlier, under the BBMP regime, ABC centres were inspected and reviewed. The newly formed GBA appears to be busy fixing potholes and roads, with every other important issue on the back burner," said Hegde.

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Content thieves scrape through digital landscape

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attached to the complaint as digital evidence. The complainant has sought legal action against the accused channels for allegedly "defrauding" him by gaining privileges and profits from his original content.

Police have registered a case under the Information Technology Act, 2000 - Sections 66 and 66(C). (Section 66 deals with computer-related offences such as unauthorised access, data theft, or manipulation of information stored in electronic form, while Section 66(C) covers identity theft and misuse of digital signatures, passwords, or electronic impersonation).

Small creators more vulnerable

A similar instance was reported last month when fraudsters cloned the Instagram profile of Bengaluru-based silk brand Byrappa Silk, replicating its videos, advertisements, and even the logo to create a convincing fake page and mislead potential buyers. Social media platforms like Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube further complicate the issue by allowing users to download, screen-record, or repost content with minimal restrictions, making it easier for copied material to circulate widely before the original creator can even respond.

YouTube's open publishing model, for example, allows anyone to easily download, edit, and re-upload content, making it difficult for small creators to safeguard their work. While the platform provides copyright strike and takedown options, enforcement is often slow, especially for creators without verified accounts or access to YouTube's Content ID system.

In regional entertainment circles, numerous "troll" and "meme" pages frequently reuse viral videos under the pretext of humour or commentary, rarely giving credit to the original source. When these reuploads are monetised, it amounts to clear commercial exploitation. For small creators and local brands alike, building an online audience now comes with the constant risk of digital duplication, where originality is easily copied and monetised by others chasing quick reach and engagement.

Copyright protection

Under the Indian Copyright Act, 1957, a creator automatically owns exclusive rights over their original work, including the right to reproduce, publish, or communicate it to the public. Any unauthorised copying, uploading, or public use of such material without consent amounts to copyright infringement.

YouTube videos, including prank calls or animation clips, fall under the category of "sound recordings" or "cinematograph films". Reposting these without the creator's permission not only breaches copyright but can also amount to impersonation when accompanied by the misuse of the creator's image or brand identity.

In this case, police said they are verifying whether the accused channels used the complainant's videos and photographs intentionally to impersonate or gain commercial advantage, which would strengthen the offence under Section 66(C).

How creators can protect their content:

Digital rights experts say regional YouTubers, especially those producing content in vernacular languages, are particularly vulnerable to content theft. Many operate as solo creators and are often unaware of the legal protections available or the procedures for filing copyright strikes and takedown requests on platforms like YouTube.

Cybersecurity expert Mirza Faizan advises that creators can safeguard their work through a combination of formal registration and vigilant enforcement. Every video, logo, and tagline can be protected under India's Copyright Act, 1957, ideally by registering it with the Copyright Office. Channel names, logos, and other brand elements can also be trademarked to prevent misuse.

"When plagiarism or misuse occurs, creators have the right to issue legal notices, file copyright-infringement complaints with social-media platforms under Rule 75 of the IT Rules 2021, and even lodge a complaint with police for an FIR under Section 66C of the Information Technology Act for digital impersonation. In today's creator economy, legal awareness is no longer optional, it's a creator's first line of defence," he added.

Follow the moon

Humans have internal lunar clock – but light pollution is disrupting it

Most animals, including humans, carry an internal lunar clock, tuned to the 29.5-day rhythm of the Moon. It guides sleep, reproduction and migration of many species.

But in the age of artificial light, that ancient signal is fading – washed out by the glow of cities, screens and satellites.

Just as the circadian rhythm keeps time with the 24-hour rotation of the Earth, many organisms also track the slower rhythm of the Moon. Both systems rely on light cues, and a recent study analysing women's menstrual cycles shows that as the planet brightens from artificial light, the natural contrasts that once structured biological time are being blurred.

Plenty of research suggests the lunar cycle still influences human sleep. A 2021 study found that in Toba (also known as Qom) Indigenous communities in Argentina, people went to bed 30-80 minutes later and slept 20-90 minutes less in the three-to-five nights before the full Moon.

Similar, though weaker, patterns appeared among more than 400 Seattle students in the same study, even amid the city's heavy light pollution. This suggests that electric light may dampen but not erase this lunar effect.

The researchers found that sleep patterns varied not only with the full-Moon phase but also with the new- and half-Moon phases. This 15-day rhythm may reflect the influence of the Moon's changing gravitational pull, which peaks twice per lunar month, during both the full and new Moons, when the Sun, Earth and Moon align.

Such gravitational cycles could subtly affect biological rhythms alongside light-related cues.

Laboratory studies have supported these findings. In a 2013 experiment, during the full Moon phase, participants took about five minutes longer to fall asleep, slept 20 minutes less, and secreted less melatonin (a hormone that helps regulate the sleep-wake cycle). They also showed a 30% reduction in EEG slow-wave brain activity – an indicator of deep sleep.

Perhaps the most striking evidence of a lunar rhythm in humans comes from the recent study analysing long-term menstrual records of 176 women across Europe and the US. Before around 2010 – when LED lighting and smartphone use became widespread – many women's menstrual cycles tended to begin around the full Moon or new Moon phases. Afterwards, that synchrony largely vanished, persisting only in January, when the Moon-Sun-Earth gravitational effects are strongest.

Metronome for species

The Moon acts as a metronome for other species. For example, coral reefs coordinate mass spawning events with precision, releasing eggs and sperm under specific phases of the Moonlight.

In a 2016 laboratory study, researchers working with reef-building corals (for example, A. millepora) replaced the natural night light cycle with regimes of constant light or constant darkness. They found that the normal cycling of clock genes (such as the cryptochromes) was flattened or lost, and the release of sperm and eggs fell out of sync.

These findings suggest lunar light cues are integral to the genetic and physiological rhythms that underlie synchronised reproduction.

Other species, such as the marine midge Clunio marinus, use an internal "coincidence detector" that integrates circadian and lunar signals to time their reproduction precisely with low tides.

Genetic studies have shown this lunar timing is linked to several clock-related genes – suggesting that the influence of lunar cycles extends down to the molecular level.

> **Researchers propose that humans may still have an internal Moon clock, but its coupling to lunar phases is dimmed by artificial lighting**

Near-permanent brightness

For most of human history, moonlight was the brightest light of night. Today, it competes with an artificial glow visible from space. According to the World Atlas of Artificial Night Sky Brightness, more than 80 per cent of the global population – and nearly everyone in Europe and the US – live under a light-polluted sky (one that is bright enough to hide the Milky Way).

In some countries, such as Singapore or Kuwait, there is literally nowhere without significant light pollution. Constant skyglow from dense urban lighting keeps the sky so bright that night never becomes truly dark.

In cognitive neuroscience, time perception is often described by pacemaker–accumulator models, in which an internal "pacemaker" emits regular pulses that the brain counts to estimate duration. The stability of this system depends on rhythmic environmental cues – daylight, temperature, social routines – that help tune the rate of those pulses.

Losing the slow, monthly cue of moonlight may mean that our internal clocks now run in a flatter temporal landscape, with fewer natural fluctuations to anchor them. Previous psychological research has found disconnection from nature can warp our sense of time.

The lunar clock still ticks within us – faint but measurable. It shapes tides, sleep and the rhythms of countless species. Yet as the night sky brightens, we risk losing not only the stars, but the quiet cadence that once linked life on Earth to the turning of the Moon. (By Stefano Arlaud, Queen Mary University of London, The Conversation)

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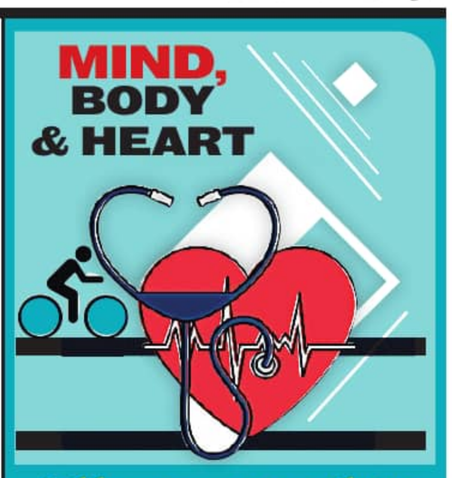

All you need to know about...

Acidity

What is acidity?
Acidity is a medical condition that refers to the excess production of stomach acid. This acid is produced by the stomach glands and helps in digesting food. Excess acid can cause acidity or acid reflux, i.e. acid rising up from the stomach into the throat. Acid reflux can also cause heartburn, which is a burning sensation or pain in the lower chest area.

What causes it
Eating a heavy meal and lying on your back immediately after that or bending over at the waist or even snacking close to your bedtime can cause acidity. Additionally, certain foods such as citrus, tomato, garlic or spicy food and certain beverages like alcohol, carbonated drinks, and coffee can cause heartburn and acidity.

How to prevent it
Don't Overeat: When your stomach is full, there is a greater chance that the stomach acids can be pushed back up the esophagus which will trigger reflux, indigestion, stomach spasms and discomfort. Instead, eat smaller portions but at regular intervals.

Alcohol Intake: Alcohol and alcoholic drinks can also make the stomach produce more acid than usual. Over time, this can cause the stomach lining to wear away, leading to pain and inflammation, also called gastritis.

Chew Gum: The digestive process actually begins in our mouth. Gum stimulates the flow of saliva, which in turn keeps the acid levels down and balances your pH levels.

Sleep on Your Left Side: When you hit the bed, turn onto your left side and sleep. This position prevents acid reflux as it does not allow corrosive stomach acids to enter the esophagus. **–Femina**

MIRRORLIGHTS

If it is time to take a break, remember this

Here are some positive outcomes from pressing pause on your relationship, if it needs a nudge.

1. Perspective

While being in a relationship, you might often be thinking about what they need and how to make things work, this closeness can make it harder for you to see the bigger picture. Here, taking a break can give you that space to step back and reflect about yourself and the relationship. It's about giving your mind the needs to notice things you might have been ignoring.

2. Reducing Tension

A break can act like a pressure valve. Time apart will allow both people to cool down, stop replaying past fights in their heads, and approach each other later without that cloud of frustration hovering over every conversation. It will give space to breathe, to remember that your partner isn't your enemy.

3. Personal Growth

Relationships can also consume a lot of emotion and mental energy. A break can be a chance to turn some of that energy inward. Maybe you've always wanted to focus on a hobby, build your career, or work on emotional habits like patience or self-confidence. When you take your time to be alone, it will give you a chance to rediscover yourself as an individual.

4. Understanding

Sometimes love becomes intertwined, being apart will make you realize your true emotion. Do you really miss them, or do you feel freedom in their absence? It's a deep process to understand what's real versus what's comfortable. Clarity doesn't always mean rekindling the relationship, but it will ensure that whatever decision you make, whether to return or move on, is not based on habit or fear of being alone.

–Femina

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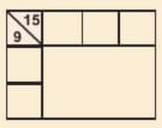
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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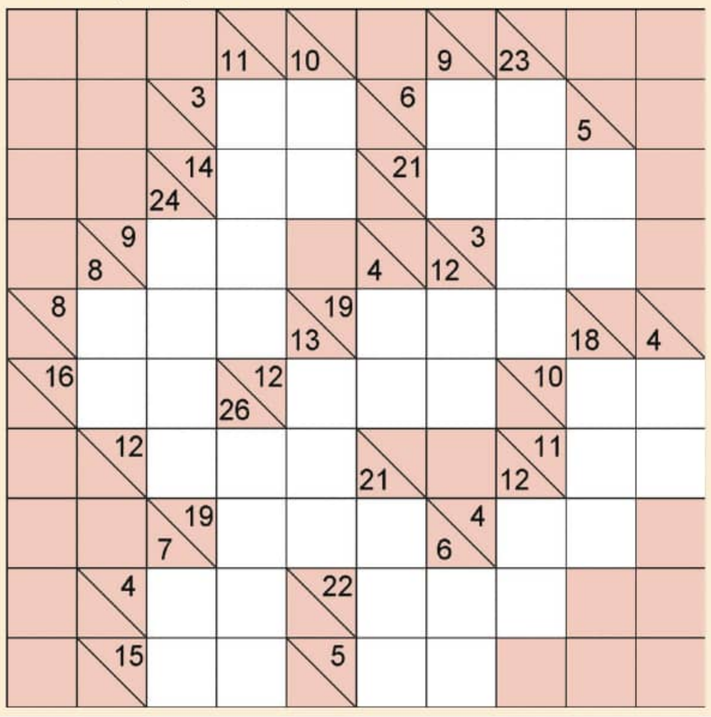

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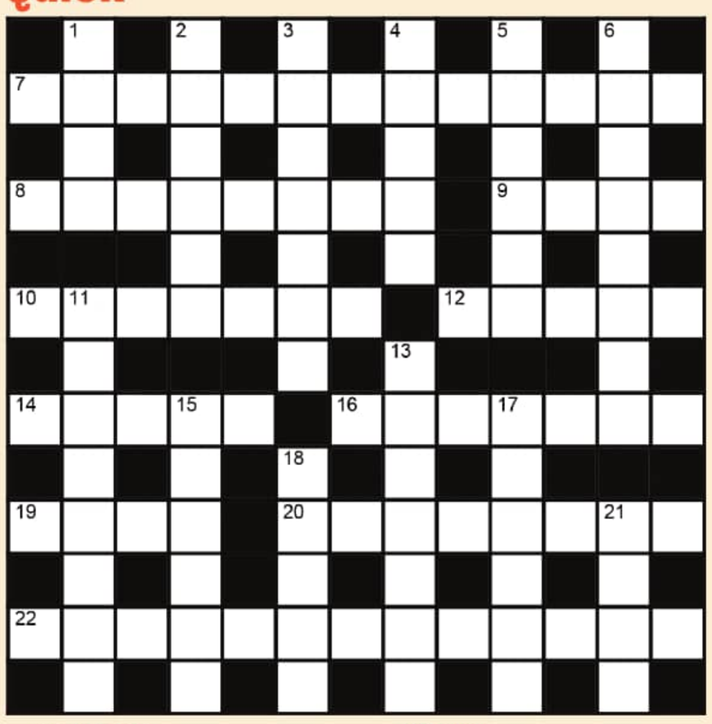


ACROSS

7 The happy couple (5,3,5)
8 With ___ ___ : in an enthusiastic and warm manner? (4,4)
9 ___ at it : was persistent? (4)
10 Comical (7)
12 SF writer Asimov (5)
14 Total (3,2)
16 Trembling or shivering (7)
19 Engrossed (4)
20 Root vegetables (8)
22 Trustworthiness; reliability (13)

DOWN

1 To let fall (4)
2 Handsome young man (6)
3 Theatre at Rajaji Nagar (7)
4 That is to Cato (2,3)
5 Male ducks (6)
6 Express dissatisfaction (8)
11 Arbitrated or interceded (8)
13 By means of that (7)
15 Loosened the laces, perhaps? (6)
17 Humane or benevolent (6)
18 Call a ___ a ___ : be forthright (same word)? (5)
21 Golf stroke (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: I EQUALS G

LDAZA FZA YDCZLUHLY LC DFSSOVAYY FVE EFVUOVI OY CVA CN LDAW.

Linemaro

This morning I saw a beautiful flower, and thought of you

Mindchow

Happiness will never come to those who fail to appreciate what they already have

Joke of the day

I'm what's called a 'social drinker,' which means when someone says they'll have a drink, I say 'so shall I.'

Loop

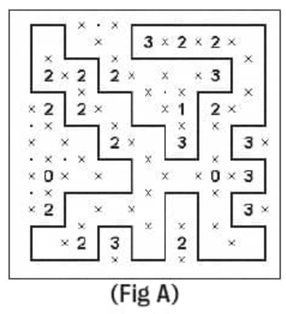
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

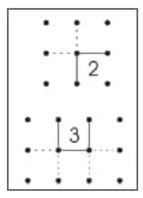
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

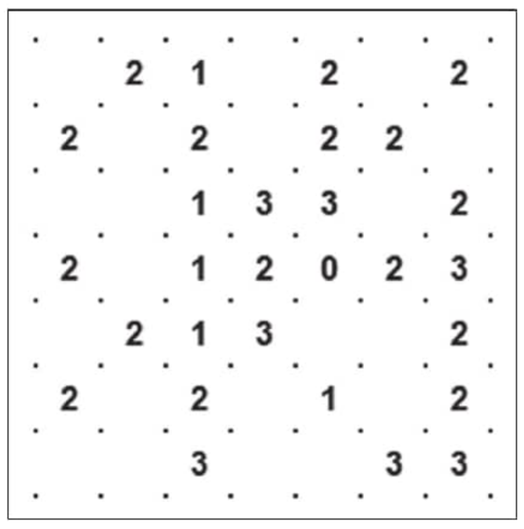
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



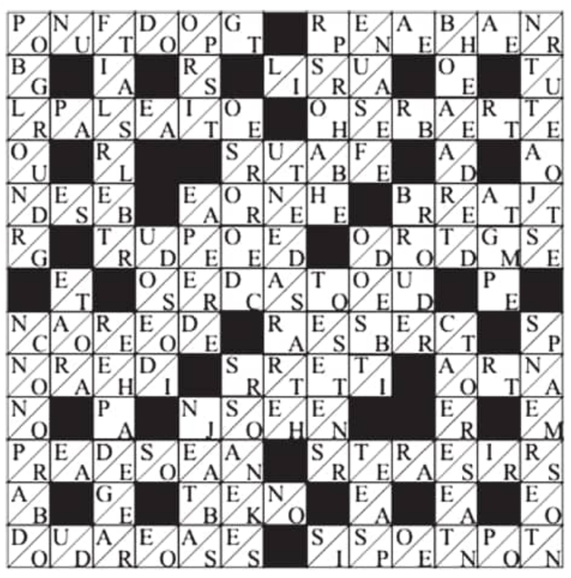
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6		D		
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

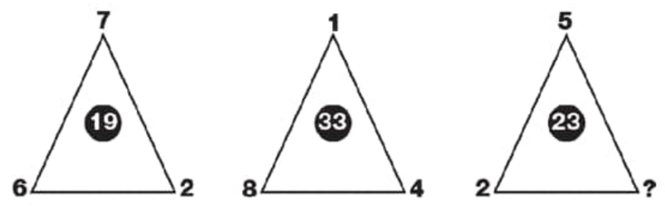
1 P limb; 6 Aider; 7 Smite; 8 To ram; 9 Yam me

DOWN

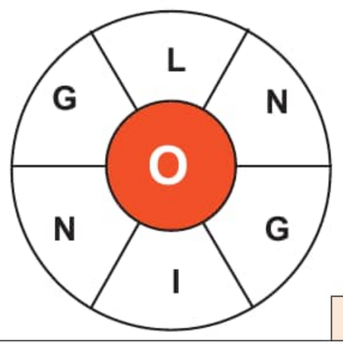
1 Amber; 2 Ma elm; 3 I mod I; 4 Timer; 5 Patsy

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; **06** Good; **08** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

6	7						4	2
		8				1		
	1		3		5		6	
4			7		2			1
	2		8		6		5	
5			9		1			3
	3		2		7		9	
		6				2		
9	5						1	6

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 7

1 4 6 8

Medium = 4

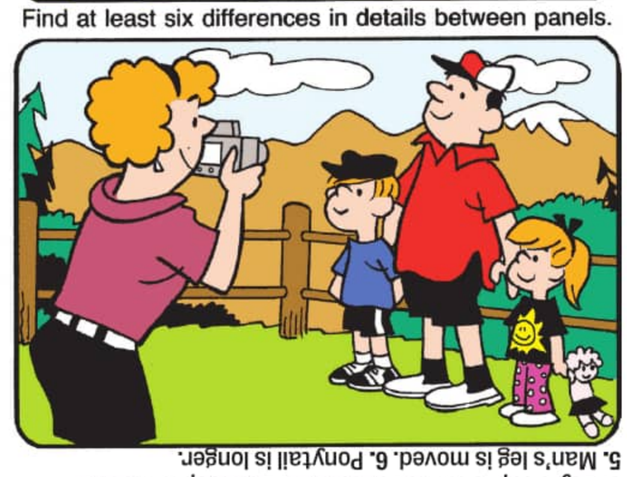
2 3 7 8

Hard = 33

2 3 9 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



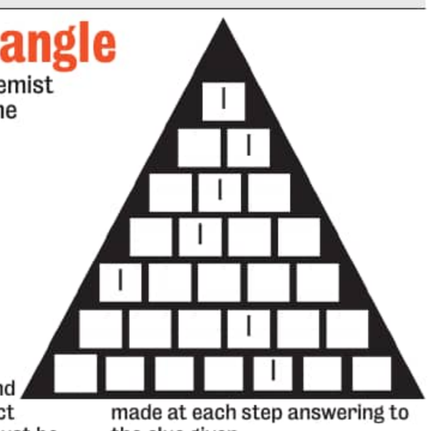
Differences: 1. Thumb is moved. 2. Doll's arm is missing. 3. Boy's cap is turned around. 4. Belt loop is moved. 5. Man's leg is moved. 6. Ponytail is longer.

Riddler

As a cloud in the sky Or a ship on the sea. I move down the street For the gathered to see. I show imagination, Or sometimes a dream. And when drinking soda Just add some ice cream. What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 Iodine for the chemist
2 51 in ancient Rome
3 Whopper
4 Stir to anger
5 Layabout
6 Depended on
7 Answered



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

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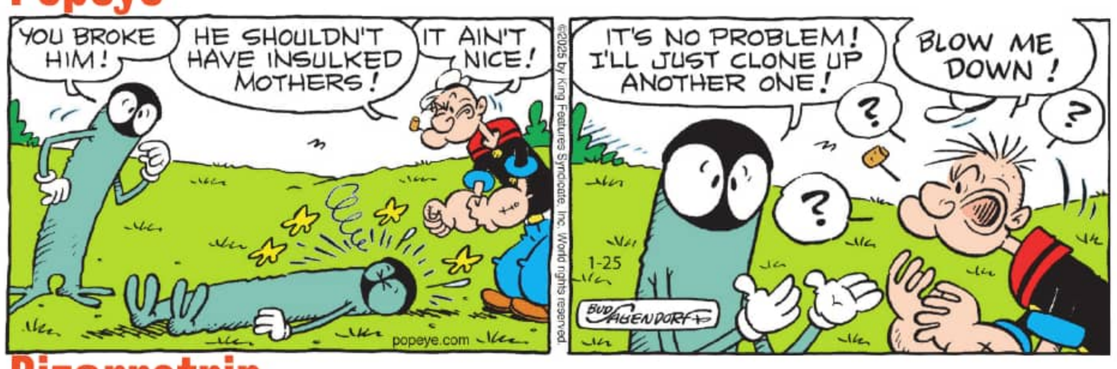
Popeye



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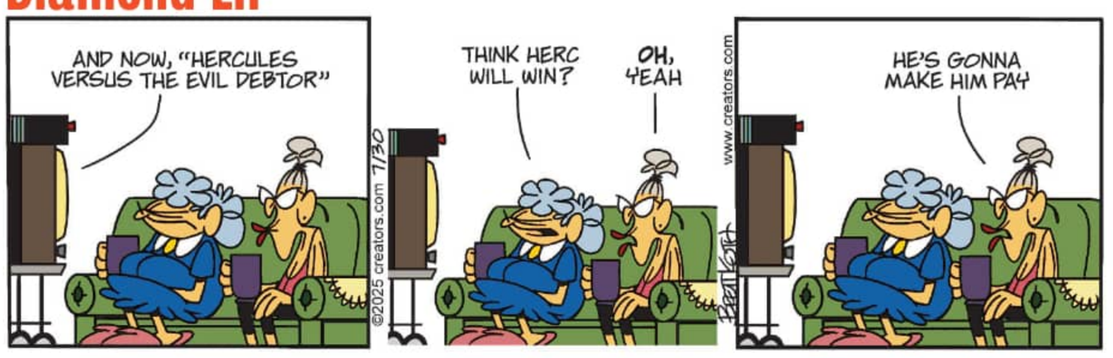

Hart of the city

I CAN GO TO MY PARENTS' SUMMER HOUSE ANYTIME.
IF I WANT TO BE AN ACTRESS, I NEED TO KEEP DOING THE WORK AND MEET MY PEERS.
IF YOU'RE GONNA BE FIGHTING FOR ROLES, IT'S BETTER TO KNOW YOUR ENEMY EARLY. FIND THEIR WEAKNESSES.
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Crankshaft

'AT THE VERY LAST SYNDICATE I VISITED, NO ONE WOULD EVEN SEE ME... SO I GAVE SOME PHOTOSTATS OF MY STRIP TO A RECEPTIONIST AND LEFT.'
PUBLISHER, ALL SYNDICATE
I WAS LATER TOLD THAT THE EDITOR HAD SEEN THE STRIPS AND RUN OUT JUST IN TIME TO SEE THE ELEVATOR DOORS CLOSING BEHIND ME.
IT'S A GOOD STORY, BUT NOT TRUE... BECAUSE I HAD WALKED DOWN THE HALLWAY BACKWARDS JUST IN CASE.
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

I'M TRAINING MY MOCK-INGBIRD SHECRETARY TO HANDLE THINGS WHILE I'M ON VACATION.
SAY-"SHORRY, MR. MOOCH IS NOT HERE."
SHORRY, MR. MOOCH IS NOT ALL THERE.
SHE'S GOOD.
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WRITTEN IN THE STARS

DR SUNDEEP KOCHAR

If it's your birthday today

Renewal and transformation guide your year. Professionally, adaptability attracts progress. Finances improve with patience. Relationships deepen when communication is open and heartfelt. Creativity inspires resilience, offering healing and joy. Health strengthens through mindful habits. Challenges become stepping stones toward empowerment. By year's end, you'll emerge wiser, proud of your growth, and ready to step confidently into fresh opportunities ahead.

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20

Fresh opportunities in work arise today. Embrace them without hesitation. Students should explore new skills or hobbies. If considering a job switch, today feels favourable for decisive action and confident beginnings.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20

The morning may feel sluggish, but energy returns later. Night brings creative inspiration, ideal for revising business plans. Spend quiet moments walking, reflecting, and clearing thoughts to regain balance and direction.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21

Workplace joy brightens your day, possibly through a promotion. Respect and reputation strengthen social bonds. Couples reconnect meaningfully. Professional recognition and personal harmony align, giving you confidence and clarity about your relationships today.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23

Blessings surround you today. Singles feel love approaching, while professionals experience career progress. Jewellery proves a favourable investment. Joy, opportunity, and prosperity weave beautifully together, promising growth in love and work.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23

Work advances steadily as new responsibilities arrive. Relationship issues ease, strengthening bonds. Financially, loans for assets may appear necessary. Plan wisely today to ensure growth, security, and minimised debt burdens later.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23

Prioritise health and avoid unnecessary exposure. Business endeavours bring positive returns. Students should focus fully on upcoming exams or projects. Discipline and focus ensure progress, balancing challenges with strong gains today.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22

Finances favour you today, ideal for investments, especially property. Spiritual travel nearby uplifts your spirit. Stability and growth align, balancing both wealth and inner peace, creating harmony between practical and personal pursuits.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22

Workload intensifies as leadership roles strengthen your professional future. A promotion looms ahead. Caution with finances is essential— avoid unnecessary expenses or risky investments. Discipline ensures growth while protecting long-term security today.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22

Friends and work commitments dominate your day. Digestive discomfort suggests eating at home. Creative urges spark fresh ideas. Lovers should show gratitude, appreciating their partners more. Balance social, health, and emotional needs.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20

Family takes priority today, overshadowing work. A personal purchase may bring joy. By evening, workplace finances deliver encouraging news. Balance responsibilities, nurture bonds, and indulge sensibly in rewarding yourself. Harmony returns.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19

Patience strengthens teamwork today. Colleagues support upcoming projects. Meditation boosts focus and collaboration. Short family trips within your state bring joy. Balance calm energy with meaningful connections, nurturing peace and progress simultaneously.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20

Change surrounds you in nearly all aspects. Job shifts or relocations become likely. Household adjustments occur. Stay mindful of children's health. Adaptability ensures smoother transitions, allowing positivity and growth to emerge.

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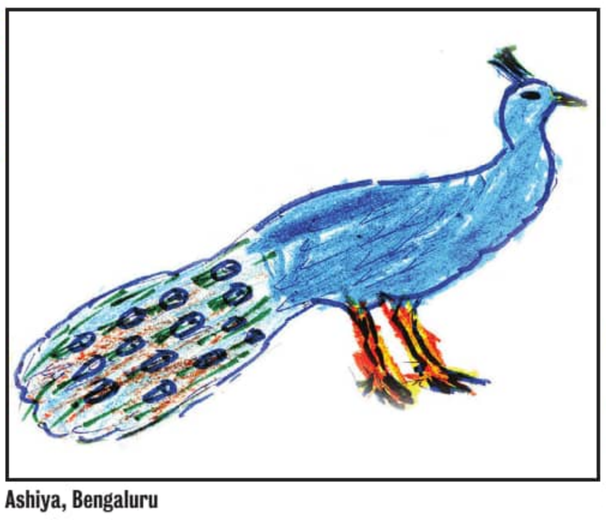

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M

√(11×4+25+100)/(1/13)^-1
=√(44+25+100)/13
=√169/13
=13/13 = 1

BULL'S EYE

going, gong, lingo, lion, loin, long, LONGING, ogling

FAST FIVE

B	L	I	M	P
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STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE

9. In each triangle, multiply the lower two numbers together and add the upper number to give the value in the centre.

QUOTE UNCODE

There are shortcuts to happiness and dancing is one of them.

RIDDLER A float

SUDOKU

6	7	5	1	9	8	3	4	2
3	9	8	6	2	4	1	7	5
2	1	4	3	7	5	8	6	9
4	6	3	7	5	2	9	8	1
5	8	7	9	4	1	6	2	3
1	2	9	8	3	6	4	5	7
8	3	1	2	6	7	5	9	4
7	4	6	5	1	9	2	3	8
9	5	2	4	8	3	7	1	6

ALPHA TRIANGLE

I, LI, Lie, Rile, Ilder, Relled, Replied.

GO FIGURE

Easy
8 + 4 + 1 − 6 = 7
Medium
2 + 3 + 7 − 8 = 4
Hard
9 + 4 − 2 x 3 = 33

LOOP

KAKURO

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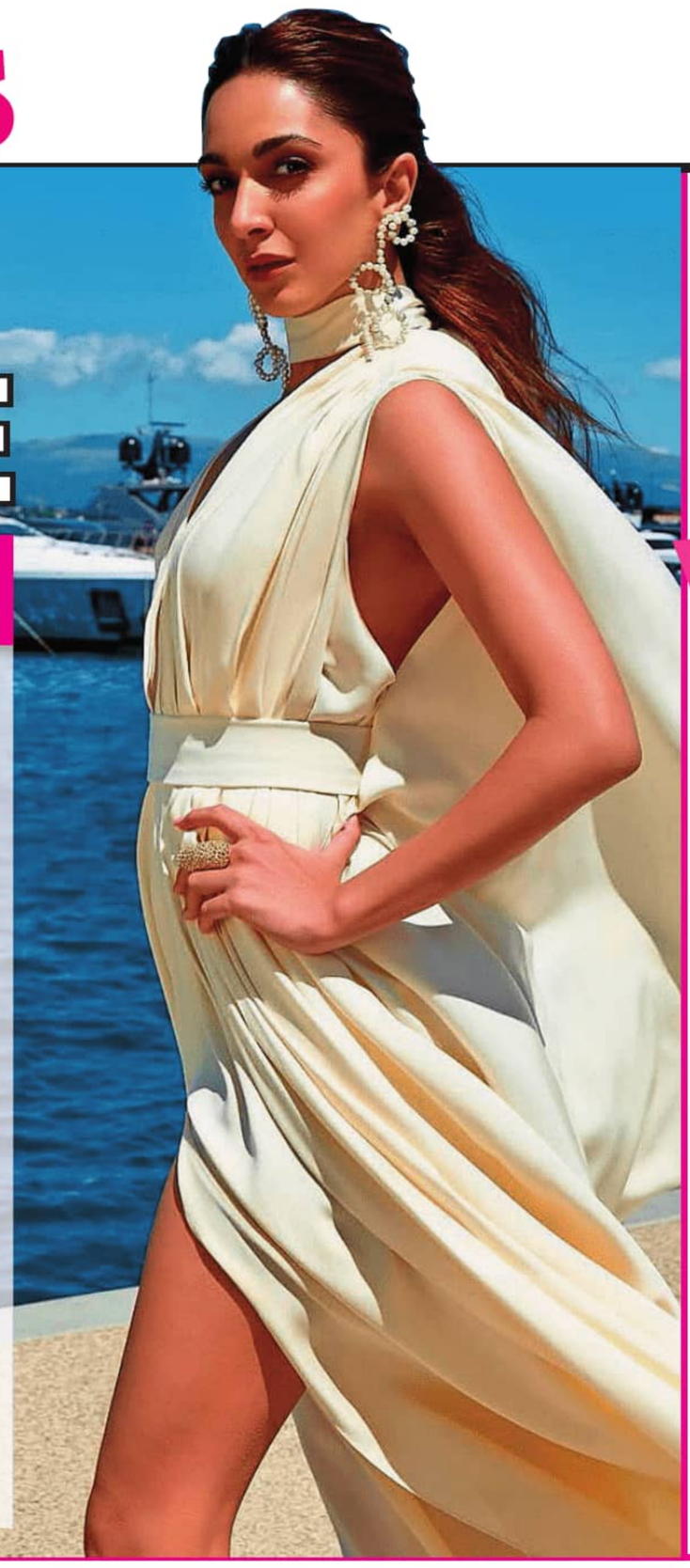


Kiara says right cast can add value to film so she is always open to auditioning

Kiara Advani once shared that she had auditioned for Aamir Khan's Laal Singh Chaddha a few years ago. Since she didn't get the role, she jokingly said she must have been terrible. She didn't reveal which part she auditioned for, but it's likely it was the female lead, which eventually went to Kareena Kapoor, who also had to audition for the film.

In an interview with Film Companion, Kiara was asked if she's open to auditioning for a role, similar to how Kareena Kapoor had auditioned for Laal Singh Chaddha. Kiara said, "Yes, absolutely. In fact, I also auditioned for Laal Singh Chaddha. At that time I didn't know it was for Laal Singh Chaddha." "I really don't want to see that audition though. I really must have been terrible. It was many many years ago," she added.

Elaborating further, she added, "Casting is such an important part of filmmaking. The right cast can add so much value. It's not about who's a better actor. It's about who's better suited for the part. It's always teamwork and it's so important to get the right cast for a film. It's absolutely wonderful to audition, great to know if you are suited for the part."

Kareena Kapoor had told Prabhat Khabar, "I had to even give an audition for Laal Singh Chaddha. It was so that I could prove I am apt for the role, and I am perfect for the older part." **-ETimes**

Plot that got tied up in twists

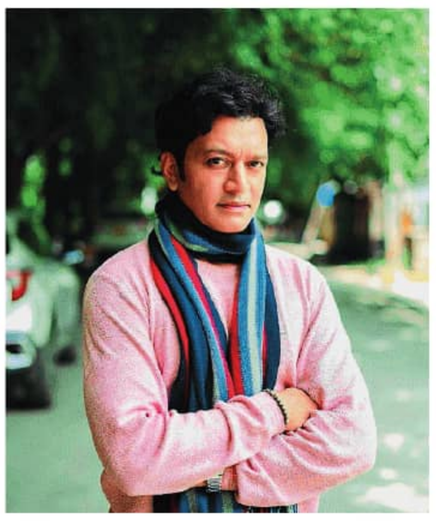
NEWTON'S 3RD LAW (KANNADA)

2.0 RATING ★★☆☆☆

- **DIRECTOR** Sudhakar Reddy
- **ACTORS** Vishuo Sidd, Vidyashree Gowda, Vijay Chandoor, Srinidhi HR, Ambarish Sarangi, Satish Kumar K, and Swetha Rani.
- **Duration** 134 minutes
- **Certification** UA

To start with, the title of this film is misleading. Newton's 3rd Law is that for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. However, the director fails to justify this law in the film that deals with too many subjects such as the Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) exam, homosexuality, and greed for money and blackmail. The problem is that there is no focus on the main plot and the director goes meandering on unnecessary elements that do not help the plot.

The movie is about six friends who decide to go on a trip to Madikeri. Aditya (Vishuo Sidd), a software engineer, wants to organise a surprise birthday celebration for his lover Aradhya (Vidhyashree



Gowda) at a homestay in Kodagu. His friends Tejus (Shrinidhi HR), Lasya (Shwetha Rani), Varun, and Pingani (Vijay Chendoor) join hands with him. On their way, they have to face troubles from police and also a group of prospective Police Sub-Inspectors, who have turned kidnappers to punish those responsible for the PSI exam scam.

While at the home stay, Aditya and his friends drink during the birthday celebrations. They wake up in the morning to find the body of a girl on their bed. You have to watch the movie to know who the girl is and what happens to the group of friends.

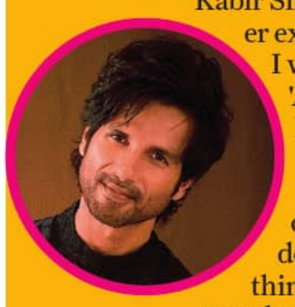
As far as the performances of actors are concerned, all of them tried, but failed to live up to the audiences' expectations. Narration of the story, except for a few twists, is not convincing.

You can skip an outing if you have other options to spend time.

-Y Maheswara Reddy

The first break

Shahid Kapoor recently took us through his film journey during his conversation with Raj Shamani. The actor said, "After a film becomes a superhit, every actor lines up to work with that director, and that's normal. But when I started out, I always wanted someone to believe in my talent before I had found success. Filmmakers like Imtiaz Ali, who has since become an iconic name in Indian cinema, gave me an amazing opportunity with 'Jab We Met'. Sandeep Reddy Vanga, who made 'Kabir Singh', is another example. When I watched 'Arjun Reddy', I absolutely loved it. I do wish we could have done something original together, but at that time, the film was set to be remade, and that's how I ended up seeing it and agreeing to do it. Sandeep was open to making it as a remake."



"Many times," Shahid continued, "we've (Sandeep and him) discussed how it might have been more liberating and creatively fulfilling to work on an original story together. The energies of collaborators and creators should match, and when that happens, something amazing comes out." **-ETimes**

Tricks of the mind

GREEN (KANNADA)

3.0 RATING ★★★☆☆

- **DIRECTOR** Raaj Vijay
- **ACTORS** Gopal Krishna Deshpande, Balaji Manohar, Dimpy Padhya, RJ Vikky, Vishwanath Mandalika, Shiv Manju, and Girish MN.
- **Duration** 114 minutes
- **Certification** UA

This movie was screened at various film festivals and received accolades from audiences and critics. The movie explores the human mind and the elements that control our thoughts. Though it deals with the environment and emphasises on the importance of preserving forests, it transports audiences to a different world meant for the thinking being. Director Raaj Vijay has failed to narrate the story for all. The movie would have been a good entertainer if the screenplay were crisp and easy to understand as most audiences go to the theatre for entertainment.

The movie begins with Ravi Beerya (Shiv Manju), a police inspector, entering a forest searching for Savithri (Dimpy Padhya), a missing woman. The vehicle breaks down due to engine overheating. The police inspector is on a mission to find water and comes to a lonely structure in the forest. He tries to find out if anyone lives nearby but he disappears. At this juncture, the director introduces Mayanna (Gopal Krishna Deshpande), a man who is undergoing trauma, tension, depression and schizophrenia. The director also introduces a scene where a mother (Dimpy Padhya) advises her son not to go into a forest that is known for a monster. You have to watch the movie to know what happens to Mayanna.

The pre-intermission session seems a bit of a drag but the narration gains momentum post-intermission. The climax is good and the director deserves a pat on the back for this.

Gopal Krishna Deshpande is at his best in this psychological thriller. Balaji Manohar, as Alex Rovin Rao, has acted well. His dialogue delivery and gestures are superb. Shiv Manju, as police inspector Ravi Beerya, is convincing.

Cinematographer K Madhusudhan has done a fantastic job behind the camera.

It is worth a watch for those who enjoy psychological thrillers.

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